



A COSTLY SACRIFICE.

Buchtel college, one of the few public buildings of which Akron had reason to boast, lies in ruins today as a monument to the unthrift and parsimonious spirit that has governed the city's expenditures for fire protection.

Here was a venerable institution of learning that had earned for itself and the city more than a national reputation, housed in a structure that cost its builders much in excess of a hundred thousand dollars, destroyed in a night by a blaze that, if we are to believe competent judges, could easily have been put out in its beginning had our firemen been equipped for the work.

The fire department is being criticized on all hands to-day for what seemed to be its desultory and unsystematic method of fighting the fire, but whatever justification this criticism may have, as shall, no doubt, become apparent later on, the fact cannot be disguised that had the firemen been given the proper tools to work with they could have made a better showing. Besides, an unusually strong wind and the highly inflammable character of the building added to the difficulty of saving the college.

It would have cost the people of Akron less than \$40,000 to have improved the fire service sufficiently to cope with any fire that might occur, but bond issues for this purpose have repeatedly been voted down with no other reason for the act than a plea of what last night's misfortune has proven to be false economy.

While memory of the sacrifice of Buchtel college remains fresh in the public mind, would it not be well for the Board of Elections to re-submit to the people the question of improving the fire service? It might fare better now.

Locking the barn after the horse is gone has never been a popular policy, but this expedient should be adopted before further needless sacrifices are entailed.

BUCHTEL STILL LIVES.

When Col. Geo. T. Perkins was called upon to speak at an Emergency meeting called by the faculty of Buchtel college today, to consider plans for the future and ways and means of rebuilding the college, all that he had to say was: "My time has not yet come!" And to the same effect, Mr. Wm. Buchtel, brother of the beloved founder of the college, in response to a like invitation, said: "I'll see you later!"

These brief sentiments, so full of kindly promise, were more eloquent than words, as they indicate what Akron's men of means will do when the time comes to contribute to the fund for the rebuilding of the college.

Of this Akron people may be assured, that a new Buchtel college will arise from the ruins of its predecessor: a structure better adapted than the old one to the requirements of a modern school of learning.

The institution has cost too much of patient energy and noble self-sacrifice on the part of its great founder and many benefactors, and gained too excellent a repute for quality and thoroughness of instruction, to be permitted to go into dissolution.

Akron's citizens and hundreds of Buchtel graduates are ready to do their share to perpetuate the name and usefulness of Buchtel.

After all, the speeches of the public spirited citizens who spoke at the Buchtel Emergency meeting this morning are the best tidings the DEMOCRAT brings to its readers to-day.

Under Akron's present form of government, whenever Akron's bus-

“Welcome the
Best Cheer.”
See It When You
Open Our Door.

A few choice things in
HAND-PAINTED CHINA
received Saturday last, some
of them sold; among the
pieces remaining, the
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with MONK DECORA-
TION is very fine. Very
unique is the TOBACCO
JAIL, Sambo with pipe and
violin decoration. TEA
PLATES with floral decora-
tions. To see will be to ad-
mire.

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ness men or public-spirited citizens
desire to have some measure adopted
that will benefit a majority of the
people, they are under the humiliating
necessity of hunting up some
political boss and asking if it will
please him to do as they desire. The
public-spirited citizens who have
been trying to protect something of
the people's rights in the contest
with the franchise interests, know
that this is true—that so-called rep-
resentative government, as adminis-
tered in Akron, is a sham and a
farce. Whether the Chamber of
Commerce will be able to accom-
plish anything in its effort to remove
the ban of politics from Akron's gov-
ernment is yet uncertain, but the
Chamber has the good will of all of
Akron's citizens in its undertaking.
Attend the Municipal Reform meet-
ing at Universalist church next
Wednesday night. Then organize
to have the Legislature give Akron
a form of government that will, at
least, be an improvement upon the
present one.

"You can bet that there will never
be another set of City Commissioners
appointed," said Senator Alexander,
last May, after three of the Com-
missioners had voted to approve the
condit plat of the Central Union
Telephone company. "The law will
be wiped out at the next session of
the Legislature and the ground
greased on which they stand." To
prevent Senator Alexander from
reaching the Legislature some evil-
minded person greased the track
while he was on the upgrade at
Painesville, but the Senator ought to
have just as much influence with the
Legislature as if he were a member.
If Senator Alexander, or any other
public spirited and influential citi-
zen, will lead a popular movement to
give Akron citizens a form of govern-
ment in which they might have a
direct voice and control, the people
will have cause to bless him as a
public benefactor.

COL. C. V. HARD, of Wooster,
thinks he ought to be the next
United States Marshal for the reason
that Hon. John R. McLean got 30
less votes in Wayne county last
month than were polled for Hon. H.
L. Chapman in 1897. According to
this process of reasoning, Mayor
Jones would be the logical candidate
for U. S. Marshal, for he is entitled
to the credit for the reduction of 30
in Wayne county's vote.

INDIANA Congressmen are simply
falling over themselves in their eag-
erness to get a \$2000 annual pension
for the widow of Gen. Lawton. A
little more solicitude about the wel-
fare of the dependent widows and
mothers of the men who served in
the ranks, would not come amiss.

WANTED—To trade an automobile
patrol, with cage for same, for an
aerial truck and some water and fire
apparatus. Apply to the Board of
City Commissioners.

MEMBERS of one of Youngstown's
prominent church choirs are striking
against a reduction of wages. The
Mahoning capital is certainly on the
down grade.

BIRTHS.

McCRORY—December 17, to Mr.
and Mrs. John McCrory, 124 Getz
st., a daughter.

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20-year-old McCreary.
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Ladies' fur collars

\$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and up

Ladies' fur collarettes

\$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.50 and up to \$20

Ladies' muffs

\$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 and up

Silk waists

\$2.98, \$4.00, \$6.00 and up

Ladies' jackets

\$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00, \$7.50 and up

Skirts

\$1.25, \$2.00, \$3.00 and up to \$15.00

Child's lamb wool coats

\$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00

Child's angora sets

\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00

Men's and ladies' fine

underwear

Men's neckwear

25c, 50c and \$1.00

Ladies' kid gloves

68c, 75c, 98c, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Ladies' and gents' silk

mitten

Men's and boys' caps

25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Mackintoshes

For men, women and children, \$1.98

\$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and up

Men's shoes

98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 and up

Ladies' fine shoes

\$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$4.00

Ladies' slippers

49c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up

Blankets

40c, 65c, 75c, 98c, \$2.00, \$3.00 and up

Bed Comforts

40c to \$4.00

Big blue corsets

25c to \$1.50

Golf caps

\$3.98 to \$15.00

Ladies' tailor-made suits

\$3.98 to \$20.00

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BUCHTEL IN RUINS.

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ed. Too bitter were the struggles to
secure the institution and too diffi-
cult have been the tasks of maintain-
ing it, to surrender it now when glori-
ous victories are in sight.

Will Be Rebuilt.

"There is no doubt but that the
college will be rebuilt soon," said
President Priest today. "We will
go right ahead with the winter term,
beginning January 3. It is likely
that the college work will be con-
ducted in the First Universalist
church. There are many class rooms
in that building."

At Universalist Church.

Chapel exercises were held at the
church Thursday morning at 9
o'clock. Many sympathizers were
there, and the students were assured
that when they return from their
holiday vacation to resume studies
Jan. 3, they will find every conven-
ience arranged for the continuance
of college work.

Strange Coincidence.

Coincidents connected with fires
at Buchtel college are many. Nine
years after its completion, the build-
ing was slightly damaged by fire.
Nine years ago, December 18, fire
damaged the building, and by the
flames three young ladies—Misses
May Emma Steves, of Clifton
Springs, N. Y., Lulu Myrtle Steig-
meyer, of Attica, Ohio, and Myrtle
Barker, of Abilene, Kas., received
injuries from which they died. All
three fires have occurred a few days
before Christmas.

Brief History.

The corner stone of Buchtel College
was laid July 4, 1871. On it was in-
scribed: "Centenary of Universalism
in America, 1870. This stone laid July
4, 1871, by A. H. Newcomb, G. M. F.
& A. M., A. L. 5871." In the cavity
was placed a casket, containing
copies of local and national leading
newspapers and publications of the
day, besides names of architects,
builders, officers and others interest-
ed in this college. Horace Greeley,
the great editor of the New York
Tribune, made the principal address
of the occasion.

Familiar to Akron People.

Too well do Akron people and col-
lege students and graduates know
the history of the founding of the in-
stitution by the revered John R.
Buchtel to make necessary a lengthy
article on the history of the institu-
tion. The part it has played in local
history and the history of this sec-
tion of the state have been too prom-
inent to need further attention at-
tracted to it.

Cost Not Known.

The building was completed, so
that it was first occupied in Septem-
ber, 1872. "For some reason the ex-
act cost of the structure is not
known," said Secretary C. R. Olin.
It is variously estimated from \$100,-
000 to \$150,000.

Endowments.

It has endowments approaching to
\$400,000, and other lucrative resour-
ces. So it is safe to assume that the
work of rebuilding will not be long
delayed.

Cool Preceptress.

The coolest person on the scene
was Miss L. Elmie Warner, the pre-
ceptress. While the men were car-
rying out the contents she stood in
the thickest of the flame and smoke
and directed their movements.

Generous Act.

The Elks, at 10 o'clock, sent hot
coffee and lunch to the firemen. The
kindness was timely and greatly ap-
preciated. Members of the college
faculty also served coffee and lunch.

Notes.

Miss Ada Starkweather, of Dun-
ham, Ohio, a student, lost a fine gold
watch.

Miss L. Elmie Warner, preceptress,
rescued \$50 cash from one of the
rooms. The money was the pro-
ceeds of the lecture course.

Edson M. Robinson, editor of the
Buchtelite, issued a special edition
of the paper from the office of Geo.
C. Jackson, job printer. The paper
was on sale at 10 a.m. Thursday and
was a very creditable publication.

Just Moved In.

Mrs. A. E. H. Clark occupied a
room in this portion of the building
and a Mrs. Smith and daughter of
Woodstock, Ohio, had just moved
their household effects into the col-
lege when the fire broke out. The
students on West Hall were Miss
Leona Reed, Kent; Miss Mary
James, Washington C. H., O.; Miss
Anna Durling, Wadsworth; Miss
Eva Hart, Girard, Pa.; Miss Bessie
Trowbridge, Decatur, Mich.; Miss
Ada Starkweather, Duham, O.;
Miss Kate L. Schumacher, Ira, O.;
Miss Louise Ramadell, Castalia, O.

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Miss Edna Olin, Belleville, O., and
Miss Sara Chess, Springboro, Pa.
Miss Estella Musson, instructor in
instrumental music, also roomed in
the building and lost her furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Smith of
Springboro, Pa., lived in the build-
ing and had charge of the dining
room. Their children, Archie R.
Smith and Misses Ruby and Role
Smith, are students. The Smith
family lost nearly all of the house-
hold goods.

Fraternity Rooms.

In the northwest corner of the
fourth story the hall of the Kappa
Kappa Gamma fraternity was locat-
ed. Across the hall a similar room
was used by the Delta Gamma fra-
ternity.

Furniture Saved.

The greater part of the furniture
of these halls was saved. The
students succeeded in saving most of
their belongings. The crowd at once
turned in and gave a helping hand.
Trunks packed for the holiday vaca-
tion at home, were carried out upon
the shoulders of strong men. The
costly furniture of the college par-
lors, the scene of so many gay festi-
vities, was carried to a place of safe-
ty. The oil paintings of various
benefactors of the college were
secured. A

Life-size Portrait

of Hon. John R. Buchtel was
secured at the last moment by Philip
Siebert. Secretary C. R. Olin suc-
ceeded in getting all of the valuable
papers out of his office and Dr. Carl
F. Kolbe rescued the "grade book,"
which contains the standing of every
student who has attended the college.

Bierce Library.

Practically all of the Bierce library
was saved. The 6,000 volumes were
carried by willing volunteers and
placed in a large pile on the floor of
the gymnasium. So anxious were
the students and friends of the in-
stitution to save everything of value
that they repeatedly made trips into
the burning building, when the walls
and floors were momentarily likely
to fall in.

Specimens Destroyed.

The fire destroyed much that was
without intrinsic value in the way of
carefully prepared scientific speci-
mens of various kinds. The college
museum contained an extensive col-
lection of minerals and fossils and
the leading types of recent animal
life. All of these are precious to the
scientist and have no money equiva-
lent to the lover of natural history.
Many delicate instruments for civil
engineering and physical and chem-
ical apparatus were totally de-
stroyed. A loss of \$3000 has been
placed on the loss of microscopes
used in the department of Natu al
Science.

Records Burned.

The library annex, located in the
east hall, was completely destroyed.
It contained complete files of litera-
ry and scientific magazines, dating
back to the opening of the institu-
tion. In this room was also kept
the students' graduating theses,
which in themselves are without
price. From Buchtel college 370
young men and women have gradu-
ated, while the names of several
thousand are enrolled upon the rec-
ords.

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